

Economic Vitality Business Resources

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Business Resources

Boulder is an environment where business partnerships and collaboration are the cornerstone of a healthy, vibrant economy. Driven by a diverse business mix, strong entrepreneurial spirit, and historically vital business districts, Boulder is well on its way to redefining itself as a retail center and boosting its economic prosperity.

The following list of resources is provided to assist businesses with either retaining their profile in Boulder or relocating to this innovative, robust community.

Business Liaison Services

Assistance with Development, Redevelopment, Relocation, and General Assistance

The city of Boulder's Business Liaison is available to LISTEN to concerns, answer questions, and be responsive to the needs of the business community. In addition to other roles in the city's Economic Vitality Program, the position will provide the following general client assistance with development, redevelopment, and relocation.

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Assistance with development, redevelopment or relocation in Boulder

Provide customized city services and one point of contact to businesses

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Development or expansion potential

Work with businesses and city staff to evaluate properties or projects

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Boulder location options

Identify areas of Boulder that best match businesses' needs

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City "self-help" resources

Provide personalized training to use the city's "self-help" resources, including the Web site, zoning map, and land use regulations

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“Who do I need to talk to for…?”

Referral to city department contacts for business start up, “doing business” questions (e.g. beverage license, sales tax), assist with coordination and prioritization

- Assist and counsel re: permit and development review

To help businesses understand permit and development review requirements, options, and next steps

- “Pre-pre-application” assistance

Identify issues and review processes at an early conceptual stage, as clients evaluate application options

- Understanding new land use regulations

Following the 2006 completion of the Land Use Code Simplification project

- Identify Planning & Development Services improvement suggestions

From client care suggestions, evaluate potential improvements with Planning & Development Services staff

Contact: Liz Hanson, Business Liaison, 303-441-3287.

Obtaining a business license with the city of Boulder

A city of Boulder business license is needed for all businesses operating in the city. Contact the city’s Sales Tax professionals for more information and to find the application for sales/use tax, admissions, or accommodations. Doing business out of your home – “home occupations” - are allowed with certain limitations must be registered with the city.

Planning and Development Online Business Services

The city of Boulder ’s Planning and Development Services (P&DS) has launched five new online e-government services. The new services will help customers check the status of building permits and inspections and download Geographic Information Systems (GIS) data.City of Boulder Traffic Counts.

If you are contemplating opening a store or another type of business in Boulder that would benefit from drive-by traffic, or if you are curious to learn more about traffic circulation in a specific area, a comprehensive listing of traffic counts at locations throughout Boulder is now available. You will find information on average daily traffic volume, hourly traffic volume and historic traffic data in available on this site.

Important Links

[Boulder County Human Services Strategic Plan](#)

[Boulder Chamber of Commerce](#)

[Boulder Demographic Information](#)

[Boulder Public Library's Research Databases/Business References](#)

[Boulder Sales Tax Information](#)

[Colorado Secretary of State Business Center](#)

[Colorado Small Business Development Center](#)

[Downtown Boulder, Inc.](#)

[Economic Vitality Work Plan, City of Boulder \(1.20 MB\)](#)

[How to "Set up Shop" in Boulder](#)

[Maps](#)

[Parking Services, City of Boulder](#)

[Planning and Development Services, City of Boulder](#)

Planning and Development Services – Update on Customer Service Initiatives (34.57 KB)

Transportation, City of Boulder

Downtown Boulder, east end of Pearl Street